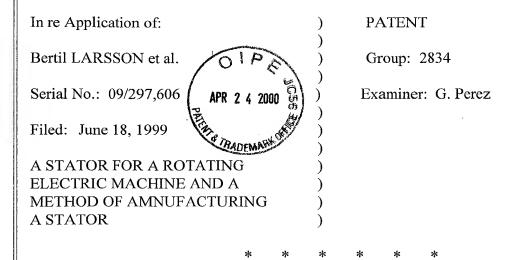
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.183 SEEKING WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.98

Washington, D.C. April 24, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. Copies of the references were filed in the office of Examiner Gellner with a Petition dated September 27, 1999.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. §§1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is

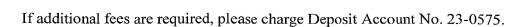
respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Pursuant to the Decision on Petition dated December 1, 1999, which was filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,325 (the holding application), the requirement for the submission of a copy of each Information Disclosure Statement citation is waived provided that the conditions set forth in paragraphs 1-8 (pages 8-10) of the Decision on Petition are met.

The conditions set forth in the Decision on Petition are believed to have been met as follows:

- 1. Three paper copies of each Information Disclosure Statement citation were supplied to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 29, 1999 with the filing of the Petition.
- 2. This application (the bulk filing application) for which the waiver is desired is related to the above-identified holding application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,325.
  - 3. The information herein has been cited in the above holding application.
  - 4. A copy of the Decision on Petition granting the waiver is attached hereto.
- 5. At present, no explanatory information related to any particular citation has been submitted in the holding application except for translations of foreign language references, which were supplied to the office pursuant to paragraph 1 above.
- 6. As of the time of this filing, the office has not terminated the waiver grant, nor has the applicant terminated or withdrawn its assent to the waiver.
  - 7. The holding application is co-pending herewith.
- 8. The paper copies of the references cited herein are believed to be contained in a series of official digests established by the Office which is noted in the Decision on Petition.

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